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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 10-105613, published April 24, 1998.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 11-139540, published May 25, 1999.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 11-328573, published November 30, 1999.

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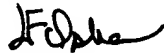
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5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 9-330354, published December 22, 1997.

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